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Fundraising Updates - Final payments for the trip will be due next Sunday 5/22.

Grocery List - See the list of items each person has to purchase and pack. Most items can be purchased from HEB or Big Lots. Each person's part should be for about \$20-\$30.

If you want reimbursement for these items, just turn in a receipt to Charles and he'll get a check cut to you for what we purchase.

Packing - Pack in a way that when we get to Haiti you can carry your luggage by yourself.

You can check 2 bags. Since we're going international, there is not charge for checked baggage.

At our next meeting Anne will bring orange string or tags/tape to tie on your luggage so we can spot the bags easily in Haiti.

See the attached list of items and talk with Charles if you have any questions about what to bring. Mosquito next are at Academy or REI if you're still looking for them.

Airport - Most of us will carpool from the church parking lot on Sat 5/28. If you're not going to meet us at the church, please let Charles know.

Games / Stories - Catherine is going to purchase the Parachute for us to take. Anne will coordinate Bible stories while we're traveling. Lisa and Creighton will bring bubbles and chalk.

Home Team - Send your info sheet to Sally so she and Ericka can coordinate the home team prayer/communication. This team of 4-5 will be our source of communication each day for updates, new prayer requests, etc.

Malaria meds - make sure you've had your travel clinic visit and have your medications.

Gathering for prayer and worship on 5/25 - we'll either meet at Charles house or at Gateway from 6:30-8pm on 5/25 for prayer, worship and snacks.

Next week: - Partner/Buddy for the trip, we've talked about our strengths, but how do we show up when our junk comes out, how do we love in the midst of that. Take care of any last minute details.

What is your HOPE?

2 weeks ago when we met, George asked a good question, "what does success look like for you on this trip."

Jesus is asked 183 questions in the Gospels. He answers just 3 of them & asks 307 questions back. - Everts & Schaupp

Read the verses below. What Question did Jesus ask?

Why do you think he asks this question?
What was the response?

So Jesus asks you this question, “What do you want?”

Take a few minutes to think about that question. Specifically as it relates to this trip or maybe just where you are right now, “What do you want?”

Begin writing your response to that question so we can discuss it next week and as we travel.

John 1:35-42

³⁵ The following day John was again standing with two of his disciples. ³⁶ As Jesus walked by, John looked at him and declared, “Look! There is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷ When John’s two disciples heard this, they followed Jesus.

³⁸ Jesus looked around and saw them following. **“What do you want?”** he asked them.

They replied, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

³⁹ “Come and see,” he said. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon when they went with him to the place where he was staying, and they remained with him the rest of the day.

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of these men who heard what John said and then followed Jesus. ⁴¹ Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means “Christ”^[a]).

⁴² Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus. Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, “Your name is Simon, son of John—but you will be called Cephas” (which means “Peter”^[b]).

Mark 10:46ff

⁴⁶ Then they reached Jericho, and as Jesus and his disciples left town, a large crowd followed him. A blind beggar named Bartimaeus (son of Timaeus) was sitting beside the road. ⁴⁷ When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus of Nazareth was nearby, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

⁴⁸ “Be quiet!” many of the people yelled at him.

But he only shouted louder, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

⁴⁹ When Jesus heard him, he stopped and said, “Tell him to come here.”

So they called the blind man. “Cheer up,” they said. “Come on, he’s calling you!” ⁵⁰ Bartimaeus threw aside his coat, jumped up, and came to Jesus.

⁵¹ **“What do you want me to do for you?”** Jesus asked.

“My rabbi,^[c]” the blind man said, “I want to see!”

⁵² And Jesus said to him, “Go, for your faith has healed you.” Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus down the road.

When I went to Haiti this summer, I laid out my hopes or wants before God. Here’s what I said:

July 10

Today I’m flying into Haiti and realized my family is spread across 3 time zones. I’m on the East Coast, the kids are in Austin, and Raquel is in Seattle. As I’m headed into Haiti, my hope for the trip is to:

1. Serve the people and children at Mission of Hope the way Christ would serve them. It may be that I just show love to the kids so they know that they are valued. My kids experience love from their family every day. These kids don’t have parents to love on them.
2. See how God is at work in a place that has been devastated by disaster. It’s been 6 months since the earthquake and there’s been little done to start rebuilding. I love seeing God do things only he can do.
3. Spend time alone with God so I can hear more clearly what he’s saying to me without the distractions of life back in the states.
4. Learn and grow from the people at Mission of Hope. This organization is only 12 years old and having a huge impact in the lives of hundreds of thousands of people each day. There is so much to learn from them.